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REMARKS

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1. a. Three U-2 biplanes, each with two open seats and vertical white stripes on the rudder assembly, were parked in front of the hangars at the Polotsk-Bornstedter Feld (N 53° 03') airfield.
 b. Beside the U-2s stood another biplane with the following distinguishing features: lower wing exactly below upper wing, faired radial engine, tail wheel, multi-seat, closed and detached cockpit aft of open pilot's seat. The plane had the same markings as the U-2s. There was no flying.
 c. A radio station consisting of a radio truck with a 1-meter antenna rod on top and four 8-meter poles around was observed on the southern edge of the field. Each pole was connected with the antenna rod by an antenna wire. A watch tower was newly erected near the ammunition dump on the northeast edge of the field.
2. The corrugated sheet metal hangar on the southwest edge of the field was vacant on 4 January 1950. Two biplanes, according to the description U-2s, repeatedly took off and landed at the field. Twelve men were standing at the take-off point. It was clearly recognized that a biplane extended its trailing antenna after taking off. The planes had a two-man crew. The pilot on the forward seat was repeatedly changed. While the planes were gliding in a man waved a square white flag to and fro until they landed.
3. The landing field, about 800 meters square, had a poor grass cover and **slanted to the west**. Four radio masts, each from 10 to 12 meters high, were arranged in a square, about 15 to 20 meters apart, on the southern edge. There was a small wooden cabin in the square which was connected with the masts by antenna wires. An ammunition dump was on the northeast edge of the field. No Soviet Air Force personnel were in the

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kasernes of the field. Passenger car [] occupied by
two air force officers was seen passing by.

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[] Comment :

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[] the field is permanently occupied by some PO-2s.
It is assumed that these are courier planes assigned to Soviet
Army Units. From the information that a trailing antenna
was seen it is concluded that the planes were possibly em-
ployed also as reconnaissance aircraft by army units practi-
cing at the Bornstedter Feld.

b. The planes described in para 1, said to be similar to the
PO-2 type, cannot be identified.

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